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# *home* team

Each week, Florida Home's panel of experts answers questions and offers advice for buyers, sellers and owners.

## *Interior design*

*Our expert: Robert Weinstein, Weinstein Design Group, Boca Raton*

If you're tired of staring into an abysmally beige room every day, there are plenty of solutions to brighten up that blandness without breaking your budget.

First, stick with one or two accent colors. Use these colors on window-treatment trim, decorative toss pillows, an area rug or colorful wall art. Make sure the accents complement each other in a contiguous theme. It's easy to overwhelm a room, so stick with two hues in the same family and you'll avoid going overboard.

Reupholstering furniture with a brighter fabric can have a twofold effect: It will brighten a space and become the focal point of the room.

Refurbishing hardwood floors with a richer, deeper finish also will update a space and create more depth in any light-colored design. A colorful marble inlay can be added to beige marble flooring or color carpeting can be installed.

If you've tried to incorporate color but still think the room looks washed out, the answer could be hiding under your lampshades. Changing incandescent bulbs to a halogen or fluorescent bulb will instantly warm the room.

I use true-light fluorescent bulbs in my office and home, and they really distinguish the different layers of colors.

*Have a question for the Home team? E-mail barbara_marshall@pbpost.com.*